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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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1. I WOULD SUGGEST THE CONFERENCE ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK, GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY, RELATING THAT TO ARA.

B. A DISCUSSION OF THE NEW STRATEGY SET FORTH IN YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 9 AND THE LORD/ROGERS MEMORANDUM OF SEPTEMBER 19.

C. A GENERAL SESSION ON ECONOMICS WHICH WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, UPDATE LAST YEAR'S DISCUSSION OF TRADE REFORM ACT AND GSP IN LIGHT OF IMPENDING IMPLEMENTATION AND OPEC EXCLUSION. WHAT ARE CURRENT CHANCES OF GREENE OR SIMILAR AMENDMENTS? ALTHOUGH CLEARLY SUFFERING SEVERE B/P PROBLEMS AS RESULT HIGH OIL PRICES, FEW LA NET PETROLEUM IMPORTING COUNTRIES HAVE RAISED THEIR VOICE ON OPEC PRICING POLICIES. HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS OF SUCH COUNTRIES TO TAKE AN EFFECTIVE STAND IN VIEW OF THEIR DEDICATION TO THIRD-WORLD SOLIDARITY? THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR A LATIN AMERICAN "SAFETY NET" APPEARS TO OFFER A SINCERE EARNEST OF U.S. CONCERN FOR WELL-BEING OF SUCH COUNTRIES. CAN WE CONFIDENTIAL

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BUILD ON THAT? HOW DO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES IN REGION

VIEW CREATION OF SELA? WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF COMMON ECONOMIC INTEREST THAT CAN MAKE IT AN EFFECTIVE BLOC VIS-A-VIS THE U.S.? WHERE ARE DIVERGENCES OF INTERESTS SUFFICIENTLY WIDE THAT IT CANNOT EASILY ACT AS A BLOC? IS IT IN THE U.S. INTEREST TO EXPLOIT SUCH DIVERGENCES?

D. A SESSION ON MANAGEMENT IN WHICH IDEALLY THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WOULD JOINTLY TAKE PART. IT WOULD BE DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THOSE FIELDS, INCLUDING "OPERATION CLEAN SLATE".

E. INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS, LARGELY AS IN THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE, WITH AID, USIA, CIA AND ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

2. IF TIME PERMITS, I WOULD ALSO PERSONALLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING TWO SESSIONS:

A. ONE ON LOS/FISHING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD BE SCHEDULED AS A SEPARATE SESSION SINCE IT WOULD BE PRIMARILY OF INTEREST TO PACIFIC COAST COUNTRIES.

B. ANOTHER SESSION ON THE MOOD OF CONGRESS FEATURING CONGRESSIONAL A.A.S OR OTHER CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS.

3. UNLESS THERE IS SOME CONTINUING GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT THE ROLE OF DEA ABROAD, I THINK THE WHOLE QUESTION OF NARCOTICS CAN BE ELIMINATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH AT THE LATIN AMERICAN NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5 - 7 IN CARACAS.

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